



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

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Dennis C. Moss

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- January 26, 2006

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5. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO REVISE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE EASTERN PORT BOULEVARD PROJECT *(Roll Call Required)*

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) DESIGNATION

RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairman Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer	Julio Robaina
Kevin A. Burns	Dorrian D. Rolle
Audrey M. Edmonson	Darryl K. Sharpton
Shirley M. Gibson	Javier D. Souto
Carlos A. Gimenez	Richard L. Steinberg
Perla T. Hantman	Johnny L. Winton
Sally A. Heyman	Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Abigail Price-Williams, Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Price-Williams stated that agenda item 4.B.1 had been requested to be deferred by its sponsor. She then stated that Board Member Heyman requested that an update on the Gridlock Intersections Report be added to the agenda under Members Report as item 4.B.3.

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the February 23, 2006 minutes. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

1. PRESENTATION BY FTA REGIONAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR, YVETTE G. TAYLOR

Administrator Taylor congratulated Miami-Dade County on receiving a positive rating on its New Start Program. She informed the Board that FTA has worked closely with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) over the past year and look forward to building a stronger relationship with the County. She concluded by thanking the MDT staff for accommodating FTA staff and providing tours of the Metrorail, Metrobus, and Busway facilities. She further concluded by acknowledging representatives from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Marin Hart and Ed Koven.

B. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

Board Member Hantman appointed Steve Pena to the Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC).

Chairman Martinez appointed Olga Veda to TARC.

2. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC took a tour of Miami International Airport (MIA) and received an update on the MIA peplemover. He further stated that CTAC received updates on the MIC/Earlington Heights Metrorail Extension and the North Corridor Metrorail Extension. He concluded by informing the Board of the resolutions passed by CTAC at its last meeting. *(A copy of CTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on TARC activities. She informed the Board that TARC passed a resolution encouraging FDOT to advance the elevated and tunnel alternatives through the I-395 Preliminary Design and Environmental (PD&E) Study.

Board Member Gibson requested that staff coordinate presentations for the Art in Public Places Program with the community meetings for the North Corridor Project.

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the maintenance up-keep of aesthetic designs that are implemented in various projects. He concluded by requesting clarification from TARC on its role in the aesthetics up-keep. Ms. Bowen informed the Board that TARC requests that project managers identify funding for the maintenance of proposed aesthetic designs. She further clarified by stating that projects that propose implementation of distinctive lighting features must also identify sufficient funding to replace the special bulbs.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that the mindset in Miami-Dade County needs to be adjusted so that more importance can be provided to the aesthetic upkeep of projects. He then stated that these changes would need to come from the various departments and agencies including consulting firms.

Ms. Bowen stated that TARC agrees that the change in mindset is necessary and the Committee has aggressively tried to include language in the procurement documents to address this issue.

Dr. Bonzon informed the Board that Miami-Dade Transit has a policy to remove graffiti within 24-48 hours once receiving notification. He concluded by stating that staff has and continues to support efforts to make Miami a world class city.

Board Member Steinberg stated that the City of Miami Beach contracts with a company to monitor and remove graffiti found in the city within 24 hours of notification. He further stated that this program has been a great success. He then stated that Miami-Dade County should consider implementing a similar project for its important transportation corridors.

Chairman Martinez requested information on the MDX policy and procedure for addressing graffiti removal. Mr. Parapar responded that MDX contracts with a company to remove graffiti within five days of notification. He further stated that MDX signs are coated with special chemicals to make removal of graffiti easier.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that the agencies, municipalities, and the County need to be on the same page as it relates to the maximum timeframe allotted for removal of graffiti. He further clarified by stating that an agreed upon timeframe should be implemented into policy and adhered to.

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with an update on BPAC activities. He informed the Board that BPAC received a presentation from FDOT staff on the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus. He further stated that BPAC received an update on the Rickenbacker Causeway improvements. He concluded by stating that BPAC

supports the Parks and Recreation Department's Open Space Master Plan which places emphasis on greenway connections throughout Miami-Dade County. (A copy of BPAC resolution is available at the MPO Secretariat).

Board Member Souto stated that the signage on the Bike Path in South Dade needs repainting. He further stated that some of the signs were damaged by Hurricane Wilma and still have not been replaced.

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mr. Jorge Rovirosa, FTAC Vice Chair, informed the Board that FTAC held a meeting to discuss alternatives to eliminate the truck lines entering into the Port of Miami. He stated that FTAC could not come to a consensus on the proposed alternatives without representation from the major stakeholders being present. He concluded by stating that the Port of Miami will host a freight forum that would invite all of the major stakeholders that conduct business with the Port.

C. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Report, in addition to marketing efforts by MDX. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

D. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Board December Meeting Follow-up Report

No discussion on this item.

4. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

MPO Board Member Gimenez updated the Board on the activities from the January 23, 2006 MPO Subcommittee meeting. He informed the Board that the Committee passed a motion to support the proposed MPO legislation. *(A copy of this legislation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Hantman expressed clarification on how to become a voting member of the MPO Subcommittee. Vice Chairman Moss suggested that Board Member Hantman send a letter to Chairman Martinez expressing her interest to join the MPO Subcommittee.

B. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson: Presentation by Communities United

This item was deferred.

2. Request by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto: Private-Public Partnerships in Transportation Infrastructure Capital

Mr. Kevin Lynskey, Assistant Director, Office Strategic Business Management (OSBM), informed the Board that staff has met with the County Manager to discuss options of using Private-Public Partnerships to build transportation infrastructure. He then stated that the Port Tunnel was considered a great candidate and that staff will meet with the Port of Miami to discuss further. He concluded by stating that OSBM staff will present an update on this issue at the MPO April meeting.

3. Request by MPO Board Member Sally A. Heyman: Gridlock Intersections Report

Board Member Heyman requested that staff meet with FDOT to discuss alternatives to address the gridlock issue at Miami Gardens and Ives Diary Road intersections.

C. COUNTY MANAGER

No discussion under this item.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No discussion under this item.

E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)

1. South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit (SFECCT) Analysis

Mayor Ray Marin, City of North Miami Beach, informed the Board that mayors from municipalities in the northeast portion of Miami-Dade County have been meeting monthly to discuss transportation issues. He further stated that the concerns expressed were related to the increase in traffic congestion in the NE portion of the County and the proposed timeframe for completion of the SFECCT Analysis. He concluded by encouraging the MPO to continue to support SFECCT Analysis.

Mr. Scott Seeburger, FDOT District 4 Project Manager, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the introduction of the SFECCT Analysis.

Board Member Heyman requested that staff provide the MPO Board with a periodic update on the progress and the anticipated timeline for SFECCT Analysis. She further requested that these updates portray the project in phases that will demonstrate how the project will move forward.

Board Member Gimenez informed the Board that he has met with officials from the FEC to discuss several alternatives that can be implemented in the near future and will alleviate the congestion problems in the Northeast corridor of Miami-Dade County. He concluded by stating that he will bring officials from the FEC to a future MPO Board meeting to discuss further.

Board Member Winton stated that the City of Miami is very interested in SFECCT Analysis and would like to participate in the Study's Advisory Committee.

2. I-95 Ramp Metering Project

Mr. Lee Jacobson, Project Manager, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the I-95 Ramp Metering Project.

Board Member Sharpton expressed concerns with plastic bags being used to cover the Ramp Metering signals. He requested that staff look into using alternative methods to cover the signals.

Board Member Almaguer requested that FDOT provide the Board with a report within six (6) months after the implementation of the program in order to identify the area of success and failures.

Board Member Burns expressed concern with the impacts this program will have on the congested 82nd Street exit and 95th Street entrance ramps on I-95. He concluded by asking whether FDOT has any future plans to widen the 82nd Street exit on I-95. Mr. Donn responded that FDOT did not have plans to widen this exit. He further stated that the FDOT is looking to the Ramp Metering Program to relieve the congestion issue at this exit.

3. Response to MPO Request for additional Information on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program

No discussion on this item.

F. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SFRTA)

1. Presentation on 2006 Legislative Priorities

This item was **deferred**.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO REVISE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE EASTERN PORT BOULEVARD PROJECT (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) DESIGNATION

RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.